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Implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/39, entitled "Review of the conditions necessary for the effective functioning of the Non-governmental Organizations Unit of the Department of Economic and Social Development"

Report of the Secretary-General

1. The Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1992/39 of 30 July 1992, entitled "Review of the conditions necessary for the effective functioning of the Non-governmental Organizations Unit of the Department of Econonic and Social Development", invited the Secretary-General to respond to the needs of the Non-governmental Organizations Unit and to adopt appropriate measures, to the extent possible within existing resources, during the biennium 1992-1993, to address the problems posed by the situation, in particular relating to the resources required for the Unit to carry out its functions effectively. The Council also invited the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session a brief report on actions taken in 1992 and those planned for 1993 as short-term solutions to improve the situation of the Non-governmental Organizations Unit.

2. The Council, in the same resolution, requested the Secretary-General to consider, to the extent possible, within existing resources, increasing the human and financial resources of the Non-governmental Organizations Unit in order to enable it to fulfil its mandate under Economic and Social Council resolution 1296 (XLIV) within the framework of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995. The Council also requested the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of resolution 1992/39 to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1993, through the Committee on Non-governmental Organizations.

3. The Secretary-General has given careful consideration to the request to respond to the needs of the Unit and to adopt appropriate measures, to the extent possible within existing resources, during the biennium 1992-1993 to address the problems posed by the situation. The Secretary-General has decided to allocate, to the Non-governmental Organizations Unit, through internal redeployment of existing resources, one Professional post at the P-2 level and one General Service post, thus augmenting the resources of the Unit by 33 per cent. It is the Secretary-General's view that, with these additional resources, the Unit should be able to cope with its responsibilities more effectively for the foreseeable future.